

### **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please delete the paragraph on page 20, lines 3-12, and replace it with the following paragraph:

The term "HIV Tat protein", "Tat protein" and "Tat" are interchangeably used herein and refers to any of (a) the HIV protein comprising the amino acid sequence met-glu-pro-val-asp-pro-arg-leu-glu-pro-trp-lys-his-pro-gly-ser-gln-pro-lys-thr-ala-cys-thr-asn-cys-tyr-cys-lys-lys-cys-cys-phe-his-cys-gln-val-cys-phe-ile-thr-lys-ala-leu-gly-ile-ser-tyr-gly-arg-lys-lys-arg-arg-gln-arg-arg-arg-pro- pro-gln-gly-ser-gln-thr-his-gln-val-ser-leu-ser-lys-gln-pro-thr-ser-gln-ser-arg-gly-asp-pro-thr-gly-pro-lys-glu (**SEQ ID NO: 35**), (b) HIV protein having the amino acid sequence tyr-gly-arg-lys-lys-arg-arg-gln-arg-arg-arg (**residues 47-57 of SEQ ID NO: 35**), and (c) all naturally occurring variants of proteins (a) and (b). Naturally occurring variants of HIV protein sequences can be found, *inter alia*, in Genbank and the Los Alamos HIV Database, both databases and naturally occurring variants being well known in the art.